



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Airport Board March 16, 2021

I. Call to Order / Attendance

A regular meeting of the Airport Board was called to order at 8:31 AM, Tuesday, March 16, 2021, by Chair Dennis Heap. Additional Board Members present were Bob Dimmitt and Mark Godonis and Airport Manager Jack Wyles. Wayne Lee, and Jerry Steinauer joined the meeting via Zoom, as did Dibble Engineering John Cessar.

Board member not present were Dan Courtright, Taylor Albrecht, and Mark Muller.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Heap led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Heap asked for approval of the February 16, 2021 minutes. Wayne Lee made a motion to approve. Mark Godonis seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

V. Reports

A. Operations

Jack reported that Chandra is on vacation from March 13-21. The AvFuel refueler arrived February 18 and was operational March 2nd. Meters on fuel island, AvFuel Jet-A refuel calibrated and passed CO State requirements. The new Point of Sales system is operational, and Inventory and prices were entered. Training continues. The World Fuel Jet-A refueler was inspected by contractor for return and is good-to-go.

Highlights of the February operations and fuel report YTD:

- Operations +19.8%
- Military +30.8%
- Helicopter – 15.4%
- Over 12,500
- JetA +10.4%
- 100LL +25.2%

February Airport Ops	2020	2021	% chng	YTD	YTD	% chng
Total Based Aircraft	14	10	-28.6%	34	21	-38.2%
Total Transient Aircraft	44	48	9.1%	110	134	21.8%
Total Piston Aircraft	38	40	5.3%	92	118	28.3%
Total Jet Engine Aircraft	15	17	13.3%	37	52	40.5%
Total Aircraft	53	57	7.5%	129	153	18.6%
Total Operations	130	147	13.1%	343	411	19.8%
Total Persons Using Airport	319	387	21.3%	701	1013	44.5%
Total Military Ops	4	8	100.0%	13	17	30.8%
Total Helicopter Ops	4	3	-25.0%	13	11	-15.4%
Total Ops over 12,500 lbs	8	5	-37.5%	11	13	18.2%
Day W/O Ops	7	7	0.0%	14	10	-28.6%

Fuel Sales	Feb	Feb	%	YTD	YTD	%
	2020	2021	chng	2020	2021	chng
Jet A	1,800	1,734	-3.7%	3,813	4,211	10.4%
100LL	387	476	23.0%	1,434	1,796	25.2%

B. Financial

At the next meeting Chandra will demonstrate how to navigate on the Town's website and use ClearGov for financial updates.

C. UAS

Dennis attended the April 24, Salida Airport Advisory Board meeting via Zoom and updated the Drone Corridor concept and asked for their concurrence in the corridor being developed between the Buena Vista and Salida airports. The Salida Board will take formal action on the request at their March meeting.

VI. Old Business

A. Avfuel Dealer

- i. Net Sales Comparison – held over to April Meeting
- ii. Inventory Report – held over to April Meeting

B. 2021 Draft Business Plan

- i. Marketing Plan – Chandra - held over to April Meeting
- ii. Runway Strength – Dan Courtright

Dan was excused absent as he was given extra duty with Southwest Airlines because of the snowstorm and DIA closure on Sunday and Monday.

The vision for the airport is to become a recognized economic engine for the Town of Buena Vista and Chaffee County. Specifically, the airport will develop its **infrastructure to accommodate business and military turbine aircraft and establish the airport as a transportation hub for on-demand passengers and cargo. Key in the ability to accommodate large aircraft is runway strength.** Dan developed the following draft language for the Business Plan:

The weight bearing capacity of the runway in its current condition will support unlimited operations up to 30,000lbs for single and dual wheel landing gear configurations. This will accommodate a many modern business type turbine aircraft (eg cessna citation).

Operations above those weights for other gear configurations (eg single tandem c-130 operations from 110,000 to 155,000 lbs increase the risk of damage to the runway surface).

Future programmed runway maintenance or rehabilitation should look for opportunities to increase the weight bearing capacity of the runway, taxiways and aircraft parking areas. Doing so will increase the airports marketability to a wider array of turbine aircraft operations (eg gulf stream) and increase its ability to accommodate airlift of supplies, first responders and evacuees during future emergency response operations (eg wildfire, flood or pandemic)

The above language will be emailed to Dibble along with the following question:

1. What kind of damage can we expect w/155k ST in our current state?
2. What changes to sub grade or surface will increase WBC the most?
3. Are sub grade changes realistic during near term programmed Mx?

Action Items for the board to work on include:

- Runway Strength
- High Altitude Testing
- Flight Training
- Marketing
- Board Member Bios & Pictures

VII. New Business

A. Noise Study

Jack contacted FAA and was told they no longer fund noise studies – Jack will contact Dibble and discuss the need for a computer model noise study and cost.

B. ANK Air Show

The Salida Airport will have a full air show Saturday June 26, 2021. They are looking for \$15,000 plus for the airshow, which would include four performers like Don Nelson and Dagmar's Pitts. Scott McMillian would be the Air Boss \$1-1,500.

Jack is looking at a Saturday in August that doesn't conflict with other Town events to hold a Flu-In Openhouse. The Airport would use AvFuel dicounts and promotional material to let Front Rnsge pilots know about the even. Motorcycles. Cars, and food trucks would be considered.

VIII. Other Business

Jack was approached by an adjacent landowner about purchasing a lot form the airport, which is on the south hangar area. Jack will bring a description of the lot in question and drawings to the next meeting for advisory board consideration.

A. Adjournment

Jerry Steinauer moved, and Bob Dimmitt seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:11am. Unanimously approved.

The next Board meeting is Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 8:30 am at the Airport conference room.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



CHAIR DENNIS HEAP